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PLANNING CHECKLIST

DATE

August 19*

- Agreement reached on departure plan.
- Destinations of PLO confirmed.
- Review/confirm ICRC arrangements. Requests to ICRC from parties received. ICRC formally assumes responsibility for chartering ships.
- Negotiations completed on texts of notes to be exchanged between GOL and respective MNF contributors. Notes exchanged between GOL and respective MNF contributors to confirm MNF mandate.
- President informed by Secretary Shultz.
- Sec-Pres memo transmitting U.S.-GOL agreement (and departure schedule plan) and seeking authority to sign it.

August 19/20

- President authorizes approval of U.S.-GOL agreement.
- GOL informs UNSYG about formal agreements concerning PLO departure and MNF deployment.
- U.S. informs UNSYG and briefs Secretariat.
- Presidential message to French and Italian Chiefs of State expressing appreciation for their participation in MNF.
- U.S. informs NATO allies, M.E. friends, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, PRC, USSR. Circular message for all diplomatic posts.
- Cabinet briefed on MNF.
- President meets with Congressional leadership on Beirut, MNF, etc.

*Tentative dates based on Departure Day (D-Day) being August 21.

State Dept. review completed

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- On-the-record Presidential statement.*
 - Secretary Shultz holds on-the-record press conference.
 - Begin daily meetings in Washington with French and Italians on U.S. diplomatic consultation and public affairs strategies (an ongoing process).
 - Congressional recess begins.
- August 20
- PLO begins processing evacuees, identifying them by destination, and collecting all but personal weapons.
 - LAF continues detailed planning with PLO regarding departure (e.g., departure routes, times, evacuees per day).
 - ICRC provides information to shipowners concerning planned arrangements and options (e.g., disposition of PLO personal weapons, USN escorts, indemnification issues).
 - Amphibs arrive on station.
 - President departs for California (approximately August 20).
 - Final arrangements for French MNF deployment.
 - Check access to, and conditions at, port and airfield.
- August 21/26
- (As detailed in Habib plan.)
- August 27/29 (approx.)
- Send War Powers notification to Hill (on day after U.S. military personnel begin to enter Beirut).

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Beirut Withdrawal Plan: Checklist of Actions

1. Ambassador Habib informs Washington that all parties have accepted withdrawal plan
 - A. GOL formal request for US contribution to MNF received.
 - B. Secretary Shultz sends memo to President forwarding agreement (exchange of notes) and seeking Presidential approval to authorize Ambassador Dillon to sign on behalf of US.
 - C. Preposition with posts, Presidential messages of appreciation to French President Mitterrand and Italian President Pertini.
 - D. Preposition with USUN, Presidential message to UN Secretary General de Cuellar informing him of our positive response to GOL request for US MNF contingent.
 - E. Preposition with posts, circular message to allies, Soviets, etc., informing them about agreement.
2. President authorizes US agreement to exchange of notes
 - A. President, joined by Secretary Shultz and Secretary Weinberger, briefs Cabinet.
 - B. President, joined by Secretary Shultz and Secretary Weinberger, briefs Congressional leadership in Cabinet Room.
 - C. Presidential messages delivered to French President Mitterrand, Italian President Pertini, and UN Secretary General de Cuellar.
 - D. Posts advise allies, Soviets, etc., of agreement.
 - E. President makes on-camera statement announcing agreement.
 - F. Secretary Shultz holds on-the-record press conference.
3. US military forces enter Beirut (approximately D+5)
 - A. Within 48 hours, President sends War Powers report to Congress.

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